

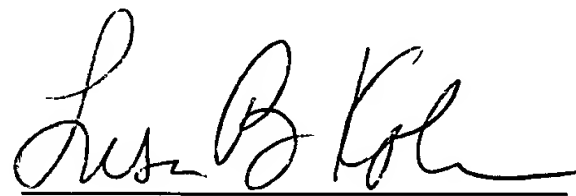
**REMARKS**

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Communication dated February 23, 2004. In response, Applicants submit herein a complete amended set of claims based on the claims as amended on March 17, 2003. This listing of claims replaces all prior claims submitted in this application. Applicants incorporate by reference into the instant amendment the contents of the amendment of December 5, 2003 in its entirety.

Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants further believe that no fee is required for this submission. However, should any fee be due in connection with the submission of this paper, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 02-4377. A duplicate copy of this page is enclosed.

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